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#### State Control of Citizens

1. So-called "Citizen Control Committees" are attached to all executive committees which exist on community, town, and province levels. There are 103 such committees in Tallinn alone.
2. Furthermore, all citizens are being controlled by Block Soviets and Street Committees. In Tallinn there are 302 Block Soviets and fifty-two Street Committees.

#### Communist Propaganda

3. Radio sets have been requisitioned by the government and are being replaced by loud speakers, which broadcast only "approved" programs. A 412% increase in the production of loud speakers in 1946 was announced early in 1947.
4. The Estonian SSR now owns its own motion picture industry. The Estonian constitution was amended in order to take into the Government the independent Ministry of Motion Pictures which was established in March 1947. August Raadik is Minister of this new department. The studios are located in Nõmme. So far six motion pictures in the Estonian language have appeared.
5. Communist newspapers and other publications are not affected by the desperate shortage of paper in Estonia. In early 1947, 451,000 copies of newspapers were being published and 88,500 copies of magazines. During 1945 and 1946, there were published in Estonia 1,400 books with a total of 11,000,000 copies. These books included Estonian translations of works by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and others, most of which were published by the "RK Poliitiline Literatur" (Division of Political Literature), headed by the editors J. Saat and A. Miller.
6. The Estonian Communist Party, headed by Nikolai Karotamm and Eduard Pill, was able to increase its membership by 81% in 1946; total membership was announced as 350% of the pre-war level. In this connection "pre-war" apparently refers to the time of the first Russian occupation (1940-41), since the Communist Party was outlawed in independent Estonia.

#### Economy

7. There are no more independent manual workers in Estonia. During 1946 so-called "artels" were organized.

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